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1. ON JULY 3, WE RECEIVED FROM THE DEPARTMENT (EB/IFD/BP) A COVERING NOTE AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO FTC SUBPOENA ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE SUBJECT FIRM (REFTEL). THE COVERING NOTE MENTIONED THAT THE FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JUNE 8-9 MEETING OF THE OECD GROUP OF EXPERTS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTISES CLAIMED THAT HIS AGENCY HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THE SAINT GOBAIN PROBLEM.
 2. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, THE EMBASSY HAS ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR FORMALLY RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH THE QUAI. IN BOTH INSTANCES, WE NOTED THAT OUR ACTION WAS BEING TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION REGARDING NOTIFICATION TO GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER AFFECTED MEMBER STATES OF DETAILS CON-
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CERNING PLANNED ANTI-TRUST INVESTIGATIONS. OUR FIRST NOTE--NO.151 OF AUGUST 9, 1977--GAVE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY DETAILS OF FTC'S INVESTIGATION OF THE INSULATION INDUSTRY, INCLUDING SAINT GOBAIN AND CERTAINTTEED. OUR SECOND NOTE--NO. 62 OF MAY 10, 1978--FURTHER INFORMED THE MINISTRY, INTER ALIA, THAT FTC WOULD "BE PROCEEDING WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS TO BRING A

SUBPOENA ENFORCEMENT ACTION IN A US FEDERAL COURT AGAINST
COMPAGNIE DE SAINT GOBAIN PONT-A-MOUSSON..."

3. PLEASE ADVISE US IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES THE EMBASSY
TO TAKE FURTHER BILATERAL ACTION WITH THE GOF IN THIS
MATTER.
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